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U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

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The relevance of the WO 99/43593 PCT reference is discussed in Applicant's specification at pages 1 and 2. The remaining above-mentioned references were cited in a PCT International Standard Search Report with respect to the PCT application from which priority is claimed. A copy of the Report is enclosed.

A copy of each of the foreign references is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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